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SUBJECT: PECHORA RIVER DIVERSION PROJECT

1. SCICOUNS TOOK OPPORTUNITY OF CALL MARCH 9 ON HYDROMET DEPUTY DIRECTOR YE I. TOLSTIKOV TO RAISE PECHORA RIVER DIVERSION PROJECT IN LIGHT OF POSSIBLE ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS (TOLSTIKOV IS LEADING FIGURE IN SOVIET ANTARCTIC/ARCTIC RESEARCH). TOLSTIKOV CONFIRMED THAT ENVIRONMENTAL EFFECTS OF PECHORA DIVERSION ARE UNDER STUDY AT HYDROMET'S ANTARCTIC/ARCTIC RESEARCH INSTITUTE IN LENINGRAD AND OTHER INSTITUTES,

AND NOTED THAT PECHORA PROJECT WAS GIVEN PRIORITY STATUS AT 25TH PARTY CONGRESS.

2. TOLSTIKOV STATED THAT SOVIETS CONSIDER THE REMOVAL OF PECHORA AS A FRESH WATER SOURCE TO THE ARCTIC WOULD HAVE MINIMAL EFFECTS ON ARCTIC SALINITY OR CAUSE OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL PROBLEMS IN THE ARCTIC. TOLSTIKOV ADDED THAT SOVIETS ARE STUDYING PECHORA DIVERSION IN TERMS OF ITS

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EFFECT ON ECOLOGICAL BALANCE ON ARCTIC MARSHLANDS FED BY THE RIVER, BUT CLAIMED THAT THIS WAS SOLELY A CONCERN OF THE SOVIET UNION. IN RESPONSE TO SCICOUNS QUERY ABOUT A POSSIBLE BILATERAL STUDY UNDER THE ENVIRONMENTAL AGREEMENT, TOLSTIKOV STATED HE WAS UNAWARE OF ANY SIMILAR US RESEARCH ON RIVER DIVERSION, HOWEVER THE SOVIETS WOULD BE IN A POSITION TO DISCUSS MATTER AT NEXT ENVIRONMENTAL JOINT COMMITTEE MEETING SHOULD THE US SIDE HAVE ANYTHING TO OFFER.

3. ACTION REQUESTED: APPRECIATE EPA GUIDANCE WHETHER MARSHLAND
STUDY MIGHT BE WORTH FOLLOWING UP WITH TOLSTIKOV.
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